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3. RESULTS OF THERAPY IN THE LUETIC ANTEPARTUM CLINIC AT BELLEVUE HOSPITAL

MORTIMER D. SPEISER

Efficient treatment can best be given in a "Prenatal Syphilis Clinic" properly equipped and staffed. A scheme of treatment is outlined depending upon the stage of the syphilitic infection and the length of gestation. Antepartum treatment not only reduces the incidence of premature deliveries but also the incidence of breech presentations. Postpartum morbidity is exceedingly high in patients with genital lesions who have received no treatment. Treatment in a similar group of patients reduces this incidence. Maceration and early deaths of offspring were fifteen times more frequent in patients who received no treatment as compared with those who received treatment both before and during pregnancy. Syphilitic live children occurred twelve times more often in the untreated group compared with the well treated group. It is never too late in pregnancy to bring about some good by the use of antisyphilitic therapy. Arsenicals given the pregnant woman are attended with an increased risk of reactions. Gastro-intestinal reactions, pruritus and icterus lead the list in frequency. While mild reactions are of almost equal prevalence in white and colored patients, severe reactions are encountered with greater frequency in the former group.

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MARCH

STATED MEETING

THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE-March 3

- I. EXECUTIVE SESSION-a. Reading of the Minutes.
- II. PAPER OF THE AFTERNOON—Significance of Serologic Tests in Syphilis, A. Benson Cannon, Associate Professor of Dermatology, College of Physicians and Surgeons.
- III. REPORT ON ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

March 18

THE HARVEY SOCIETY (IN AFFILIATION WITH THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE)

THE SIXTH HARVEY LECTURE, "The Control of Excitation in the Nervous System,"

Herbert S. Gasser, Director, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

SECTION MEETINGS

SECTION OF DERMATOLOGY AND SYPHILOLOGY-March 2

- I. READING OF THE MINUTES.
- II. PRESENTATION OF CASES—a. New York Polyclinic Hospital; b. City Hospital; c. Miscellaneous cases.
- III. DISCUSSION OF SELECTED CASES.
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION-Appointment of Nominating Committee.

COMBINED MEETING OF THE NEW YORK NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY AND SECTION OF NEUROLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY—March 2

I. PAPERS OF THE EVENING—a. The organic syndrome in the psychoses, Samuel W. Hamilton (by invitation); b. Constitutional factors in the paranoid psychoses, Nolan D. C. Lewis (by invitation); c. An evaluation of the biochemical approach to the psychoses, William H. Dunn (by invitation); Discussion: Karl M. Bowman (by invitation); Wendell Muncie, Baltimore (by invitation).

SECTION OF SURGERY-March 5

- I. READING OF THE MINUTES.
- II. PRESENTATION OF CASES—a. Cases of giant cell tumor of the long bones, Norman L. Higinbotham; b. 1. Suppurative arthritis of knee joint with osteomyelitis. Resection of joint and fusion; 2. Popliteal bursitis connecting knee joint. Two cases, Condict W. Cutler, Jr.; c. Spontaneous healing of gangrene of lower extremity, Saul S. Samuels.
- III. PAPERS OF THE EVENING—a. The causal relationship of thromboangiitis obliterans and typhus fever, Charles Goodman; b. Human hite infections of the hand, Roland L. Maier (by invitation).

- IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION.
- V. EXECUTIVE SESSION-Appointment of Nominating Committee.

SECTION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL MEDICINE-March 10

- I. EXECUTIVE SESSION—a. Reading of the Minutes; b. Nomination of Section Officers and one Member of Advisory Committee.
- II. PAPERS OF THE EVENING—a. Jonathan Hutchinson: The last of the multispecialists,
 Gordon M. Bruce; Discussion: Beeckman J. Delatour; b. William Henry Perkin;
 with exhibit of books, Herman Goodman; Discussion: Victor Robinson (by invitation).

SECTION OF PEDIATRICS-March 11

- I. Papers of the Evening—Program from the Department of Pediatrics, Yale University:

 a. An immunological comparison of six strains of the virus of poliomyelitis, J. D.
 Trask (by invitation), J. R. Paul (by invitation); Discussion: Thomas M. Rivers,
 S. D. Kramer (by invitation); b. 1. Factors controlling the distribution of body water,
 Daniel C. Darrow (by invitation), Herman Yannet (by invitation); 2. Changes in distribution of body water in artificial fever, Herman Yannet (by invitation), Daniel
 C. Darrow (by invitation); Discussion: Samuel Z. Levine, A. A. Weech (by invitation).
- II. EXECUTIVE SESSION-Appointment of Nominating Committee.

SECTION OF OPHTHALMOLOGY-March 15

Program arranged by the INSTITUTE OF OPHTHALMOLOGY, Presbyterian Hospital

INSTRUCTIONAL HOUR, 7:00 to 8:00 p. m.—Contact glasses, Gordon M. Bruce.

Demonstrations, 7:30 to 8:30 p. m.—a. Photography, Laurance Redway (by invitation); b. Fundus pictures, Gustav Bethke (by invitation); c. Instrument for detached retina operations, Kern Larkin (by invitation); d. Anatomical variations in the optic canal, Raymond Pfeiffer.

REGULAR PROGRAM

- I. EXECUTIVE SESSION—a. Reading of the Minutes; b. Appointment of Nominating
- II. PRESENTATION OF CASES—a. Surgery of the cornea, Ramon Castroviejo; b. Essential atrophy of the iris, Hugh S. McKeown; c. Treatment of tobacco alcohol amblyopia, Frank D. Carroll (by invitation).
- III. PAPERS OF THE EVENING—a. Studies on chronic catarrhal conjunctivitis. Preliminary report, Philips Thygeson (by invitation); b. Orbital cysts without epithelial lining, John M. Wheeler.

COMBINED MEETING OF THE NEW YORK HEART ASSOCIATION AND THE SECTION OF MEDICINE—March 16

- I. EXECUTIVE SESSION—Section of Medicine—a. Reading of the Minutes; b. Appointment of Nominating Committee.
- II. PAPERS OF THE EVENING—a. Cardiac dyspnea, Tinsley Harrison, Nashville, Tennessee (by invitation); Discussion: Harold J. Stewart, Dickinson W. Richards, Jr. (by invitation); b. Cardiac diseases—nosology and the public health, Alfred E. Cohn; Discussion: John Wyckoff.
- III. GENERAL DISCUSSION.

SECTION OF GENITO-URINARY SURGERY-March 17

- I. EXECUTIVE SESSION—a. Reading of the Minutes; b. Appointment of Nominating Committee.
- II. CASE REPORTS—a. "The vena cava—bifurcated by the ureter." Autopsy specimen, Fedor L. Senger; b. "A consideration of ureteral anomalies with special reference to partial duplication with one branch ending blindly: A report of two cases with renal obstruction cured by surgical resection," Augustus Harris.

III. PAPERS OF THE EVENING—a. Conservative management of damaged renal tissue, Jefferson C. Pennington and Earl C. Lowry, Nashville, Tennessee (by invitation); b. Diabetes in surgical urology, John Duff, Frederick W. Williams; Discussion opened by: Edwin T. Hauser; Discussion: Joseph Hyams, Robert Gutierrez, J. Sturdivant Read.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION.

SECTION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY-March 17

Held at the College of Physicians in Philadelphia

The Section was the guest of the Section of Otolaryngology of the College of Physicians.

- I. EXECUTIVE SESSION—a. Reading of the Minutes; b. Appointment of Nominating Committee.
- II. PAPERS OF THE EVENING—a. Acute leukemic labyrinthine disease, Horace J. Williams;
 b. Significance of experimental otology, Walter Hughson (by invitation);
 c. Bronchoscopy in the management of postoperative pulmonary complications, Gabriel Tucker;
 Discussion opened by: Page Northington, Edmund Prince Fowler, Charles J. Imperatori,
 Marvin Jones, John D. Kernan, John M. Loré.

SECTION OF ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY-March 19

- I. EXECUTIVE SESSION—a. Reading of the minutes; b. Appointment of Nominating
- II. PAPER OF THE EVENING—A new approach to the problem of low back pain, Horace C. Pitkin, San Francisco (by invitation); Discussion: Loring T. Swaim, Boston (by invitation); Walker E. Swift, Lewis Clark Wagner.
- III. GENERAL DISCUSSION-Leo Mayer, Mather Cleveland.

SECTION OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY—March 23 Program presented by the Obstetrical and Gynecological Service, OF Bellevue Hospital

- I. CASE PRESENTATION—a. A case of adenomyosis in a primipara resulting in spontaneous rupture of the uterus at the onset of labor, Melvin L. Stone (by invitation).
- II. PAPERS OF THE EVENING—a. Further studies on the intraperitoneal use of bovine amniotic fluid in abdominal surgery, J. Randolph Gepfert (by invitation), Melvin L. Stone (by invitation); Discussion: R. Sterling Mueller (by invitation), John Jacob Westermann, Jr.; William Seaman Bainbridge; b. A histologic diagnosis of pregnancy, Endre K. Brunner (by invitation); Discussion: Bertram G. Smith, Ph.D.; Samuel H. Geist; c. Results of therapy in the luetic antepartum clinic at Bellevue Hospital, Mortimer D. Speiser; Discussion, Alfred C. Beck, Thurman Boyd Givan (by invitation), Walter Clarke (by invitation).
- III. EXECUTIVE SESSION—Appointment of nominating committee.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

NEW YORK ROENTGEN SOCIETY in affiliation with The New York academy of medicine—March 15

- I. 8:00-8:15 Presentation of Interesting Cases.
- II. PAPERS OF THE EVENING—a. Pathogenesis of tuberculosis, Harry Wessler (by invitation); Discussion opened by: J. Burns Amberson, Jr. (by invitation), Paul Klemperer (by invitation), Ross Golden; b. The oblique projection of the thorax; an anatomic and roentgenologic study, Carleton B. Peirce (by invitation); Discussion opened by: Dickinson W. Richards, Jr. (by invitation), Richmond L. Moore (by invitation); Bruce W. Stocking (by invitation), George J. Plehn.
- III. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

NEW YORK MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE—March 17

- The production of specific enzymes by micro-organism, Rene Dubos, Rockefeller Institute.
- II. The relation of calcium to protein in hyperproteinemia, A. B. Gutman and E. B. Gutman, College of Physicians and Surgeons.
- III. Distribution in body fluids of ingested potassium chloride and ammonium chloride and their mode of excretion, Jacques Bourdillon, Rockefeller Institute.
- IV. Certain factors involved in the correlation between age and organ response to hormonal stimulation, Earl T. Engle, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

NEW YORK PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY in affiliation with THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE—March 25

NOTICE—As the annual meeting of the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists was held in Chicago on the date of the regular meeting of the New York Pathological Society, no meeting of the Pathological Society was held in March.

DEATHS OF FELLOWS

GOLDENBERG, HERMANN, M.D., 128 East 72 Street, New York City; graduated in medicine from the Royal Bavarian University of Munich in 1886; elected a Fellow of the Academy April 2, 1891; died April 1, 1987.

Dr. Goldenberg held a certificate from the American Board of Dermatology and was consulting dermatologist to the Mount Sinai and Bronx Hospitals. He was a Fellow of the American Medical Association and a member of the County and State Medical Societies.

Jarecky, Herman, A.B., M.D., 120 West 86 Street, New York City; received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the College of the City of New York in 1883, and graduated in medicine from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1886; elected a Fellow of the Academy June 7, 1900; died March 14, 1937.

Dr. Jarecky had been consulting otolaryngologist to the Sydenham Hospital. He was a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, the Alumni Association of City Hospital, the American Medical Association and the County and State Medical Societies. He was the author of various papers on diseases, operations and treatment of eye, ear, nose and throat.

Spies, Edwin Albert, M.D., 24 East 36 Street, New York City; graduated in medicine from Fordham University School of Medicine in 1910; elected a Fellow of the Academy November 2, 1922: died March 21, 1937.

Dr. Spies, at the time of his death, was adjunct professor of orthopedic surgery at the New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital; orthopedic surgeon to the Morrisania and Misericordia Hospitals and consulting orthopedic surgeon to St. Francis' Hospital, Poughkeepsie, He held a certificate from the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

Dr. Spies was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American Medical Association and a member of the State and County Medical Societies.

THE GRADUATE FORTNIGHT

The subject of the Tenth Annual Graduate Fortnight of the Academy which will be held from November one to twelve is, The Medical and Surgical Disorders of the Urinary Tract. The program gives promise of providing a valuable and interesting symposium. Fortunately the subject embraces medicine and surgery and many allied special fields. The Committee has made every effort to provide an integrated program with topics of present interest, which will be discussed by men particularly qualified to present the subject with authority and clarity. The Committee has also arranged morning and afternoon clinics in leading hospitals of New York City which have, as in past years, generously cooperated in the plans for this year's program. Insofar as possible the hospital clinics each day will be devoted to the topics of the evening program of the same day. The rich store of clinical material available in this city will thus be demonstrated by distinguished clinical teachers, including such leading men from other medical centers of this Country as may be invited jointly by the participating hospitals and the Academy.

The subject of this year's Fortnight is unusually suitable for Exhibits. The Committee therefore plans to exploit this opportunity fully, particularly with a view to having special demonstrations of exhibits on two afternoons of each week.

Tests for kidney function			
Edema and its treatment			
Uremia and pathology of kidney function Arthur M. Fishberg			
Pathology of vascular disease Milton C. Winternitz			
The pathology of nephritis			
Clinical aspects of nephritis			
Nature of hypertension Irvine H. Page			
Clinical aspects of hypertension, including malignant hypertension			
Herman O. Mosenthal			
Evaluation of the surgical treatment of hypertension George J. Heuer			
The nephroses			
Vascular and renal complications of pregnancy			
The psychological factor in hypertension			
Pathogenesis and treatment of renal infections William F. Braasch			
Renal and perirenal infections			
Renal tuberculosis			
Calculus disease. The formation of stones Linwood D. Keyser			
Clinical aspects of calculus disease			
Hydronephrosis and pyonephrosisJ. Bentley Squier			
Bright's disease in childrenJohn D. Lyttle			
Common urologic diseases in children Meredith F. Campbell			
Radiotherapy of tumors of the urinary tract Benjamin S. Barringer			
Tumors of the kidney and ureter Archie L. Dean, Jr.			
Tumors of the urinary bladder Edwin Beer			
Pathologic physiology of bladder neck obstructionsWilliam E. Lower			
Transurethral resection of bladder neck obstructions. Joseph F. McCarthy			
Surgical treatment of obstructions at the neck of the bladder. Hugh H. Young			